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> PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2002 for three(3) month(s) from January 4, 2003 to March 4, 2003. A Preliminary Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/NDC-15 RCE/PAC in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

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